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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2876

Introduced by Assembly Member Bloom

February 19, 2016

An act to amend Section 5135 of the Public Resources Code, relating to local art galleries and museums; add Chapter 11.6 (commencing with Section 50810) to Part 2 of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to veterans housing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2876, as amended, Bloom. ~~Local art galleries and museums.~~ Veterans housing: assistance.

Existing law requires the California Housing Finance Agency, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Department of Veterans Affairs to work together to administer the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act of 2014 to provide for the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of affordable multifamily supportive housing, affordable transitional housing, affordable rental housing, or related facilities for veterans and their families to allow veterans to access and maintain housing stability.

Existing law requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to publicize information pertaining to benefit programs that are available to qualified homeless veterans, including, but not limited to, the federal Department of Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing voucher program, and any programs that assist homeless veterans in securing rental housing.

This bill would require the Department of Housing and Community Development, after consulting with the Department of Veterans Affairs, to establish a program to provide on an annual basis a grant to eligible cities, counties, or nonprofit organizations that provide services to homeless veterans. The bill would require these grants to be used to provide veterans who receive a federal Supportive Housing voucher, but may or may not be eligible for funds from the federal Department of Veterans Affairs Supportive Services for Veteran Families program, with supplemental funding for one or more move-in expenses, as defined.

~~Existing law authorizes every city and county to accept title to real property for museum or art gallery purposes or permit the erection of buildings and improvements for these purposes on lands owned by the city or county.~~

~~This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to that provision.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 11.6 (commencing with Section 50810)
2 is added to Part 2 of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code,
3 to read:

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5 CHAPTER 11.6. VETERANS SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

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7 50810. (a) The Department of Housing and Community
8 Development shall, after consulting with the Department of
9 Veterans Affairs, establish a program to provide on an annual
10 basis a grant to eligible cities, counties, or nonprofit organizations
11 that provide services to homeless veterans. These grants shall
12 provide veterans who receive a federal Housing and Urban
13 Development Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)
14 voucher pursuant to the HUD-VASH program (Public Law
15 110-161), but may or may not be eligible for funds from the federal
16 Department of Veterans Affairs Supportive Services for Veteran
17 Families program (38 U.S.C. Sec. 2044), with supplemental
18 funding for one or more move-in expenses.

19 (b) The Department of Housing and Community Development
20 shall annually accept grant applications from a nonprofit
21 organization that provides services to homeless veterans and has

1 received federal funds pursuant to the Supportive Services for
2 Veteran Families program within the year prior to the application.
3 The department shall also annually accept grant applications from
4 a city or county that has approved for the year in which the
5 application is submitted the expenditure of funds to provide
6 move-in expenses to veterans who receive a HUD-VASH voucher.

7 (c) The amount of the grant to a nonprofit organization that
8 provides services to homeless veterans shall not exceed either one
9 hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or the amount of the federal
10 funds received by that nonprofit organization for the year in which
11 the state application is submitted, whichever amount is less. The
12 amount of the grant to a city or county shall not exceed one million
13 dollars (\$1,000,000) or the amount authorized by the city or county
14 to provide move-in expenses to veterans who receive HUD-VASH
15 vouchers, whichever amount is less.

16 (d) There is hereby established in the General Fund the
17 Homeless Veterans Supportive Housing Account. Moneys deposited
18 in the account shall be made available, upon appropriation, to the
19 Department of Housing and Community Development to provide
20 grants pursuant to this section.

21 (e) For purposes of this section, “move-in expenses” means
22 any of the following:

- 23 (1) Security deposit.
- 24 (2) First-month’s rent.
- 25 (3) Refrigerator.
- 26 (4) Microwave.
- 27 (5) Mattress.
- 28 (6) Bedding, such as pillows, sheets, and blankets.
- 29 (7) Moving services.
- 30 (8) Holding deposit, holding fee, or both, charged to manage
31 a landlord’s risk of a delayed move-in date or delay in receiving
32 a HUD-VASH voucher payment in an amount that does not exceed
33 two months’ rent.
- 34 (9) Maintenance repairs necessary for a dwelling unit to meet
35 the housing standard required by the HUD-VASH program.
- 36 (10) Credit check and application fees.
- 37 (11) Utility deposit.
- 38 (12) Past due rent and fees for use of a rental storage unit
39 immediately prior to occupancy of a dwelling unit obtained with
40 a HUD-VASH voucher.

1 SECTION 1. ~~Section 5135 of the Public Resources Code is~~
2 ~~amended to read:~~
3 ~~5135. Each city and county may accept title to real property~~
4 ~~for museum or art gallery purposes, or permit the erection of~~
5 ~~buildings and improvements for these purposes on lands owned~~
6 ~~by the city or county.~~

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